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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ANTI-US STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS
IN ISTANBUL

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1. PRESS SOURCES HAVE TOLD USIS OFFICERS HERE
STUDENTS BELIEVED PLANNING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST USG ORGANI-
ZATIONS ISTANBUL TO PROTEST CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON MILITARY AID
CUTOFF TO TURKEY. ALTHOUGH UNIVERSITY CLASSES DO NOT START UNTIL
NOVEMBER 15, EXAMINATIONS, WHICH BEGAN OCTOBER 1, WILL HAVE
DRAWN SUFFICIENT NUMBER STUDENT BODY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE MOUNT
EFFECTIVE DEMONSTRATION.

2. SINCE AID CUTOFF PROVIDES CONVENIENT ISSUE FOR BOTH LEFT AND
RIGHT-WING STUDENTS TO VENT EMOTIONS AGAINST US, WE ARE CLOSELY
FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS. WHILE WE DOUBT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES
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WOULD PERMIT ANY POTENTIALLY VIOLENT GATHERING, WE BELIEVE

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CITY ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE
RELUCTANT REFUSE PERMISSION FOR PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION. ISTANBUL
POLICE, HOWEVER, CONFIDENT THEY CAN HANDLE SITUATION.

3. SEVERAL EXPERIENCED POLITICAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE EXISTENCE OF
AN ECEVIT-LED RPP GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN
RESTRAINING STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITIES. SAME INDIVIDUALS FEAR IF
NON-RPP GOVERNMENT COMES TO POWER RADICAL STUDENT GROUPS,
PARTICULARLY ON LEFT, WOULD FEEL LESS INHIBITION ABOUT TAKING TO
STREETS.
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